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Journal of a voyage from Nantucket June 23, 1852 to
San Francisco and Washington Territory and back to Nantucket
May 1, 1855, written by Charlotte Coffin Gardner aboard
the Sarah Parker.

June 24- nearly 3 o'clock ~~tx~~ in the afternoon. Beating out
of Buzzard's Bay. New Bedford in sight. The wind light and
we are moving slowly along. George ~~g~~ (her seven-year-old son)
and myself are sitting on my bed. The ink bottle stands in a
pudding dish and I am writing on a book. We have been ^{looking} out
of our little round window with his spyglass a part of the
time and the remainder we have been reading. We have not been
sick yet.

William (Captain Gardner) is busy and only looks in
occasionally. Our things are on the foot of our bed ready to
put on tomorrow. We both eat a hearty dinner (on the bed).
George eat neat biscuit and milk. I eat beefsteak, potatoes
and hard bread. My head feels better than it has since Monday.

Nearly 12 o'clock at night and we shall soon discharge the
pilot. I think we shall have a pleasant time.

July 4- Lat. 32 N. Long 50.30 W. I am sitting on deck with the
tool chest for a writing desk. There is a sail in sight. My
head felt so light and dizzy that I have not felt ~~like~~ writing
before.

When the pilot left us Thursday night we were both well
and slept till morning. The next day we were seasick enough.
George is smart now but I am rather weak and my head dizzy.
Our appetites are good. He often talks about home but is perfectly
contented and amused with the scenes around him, with the cook, et

We have had one tempest that lasted but little while, otherwise the weather has been good, not very rough. Passed two sails bound East, not near enough to speak. I have sewed some the last three days and have just put my clothes in their places. All hands at dinner but myself. I must close for preparations are being made to lower the boat and the vessel is very near us.

July 5- The sail proved to be a French brig bound to France. Mr. Week's boat boarded her, but could understand very little.

Georgy has been quite sick today caused no doubt by eating cherries. I made a loaf cake today which was very good. The weather quite warm, with light winds and but little rain.

July 7- Yesterday I was laid up with a sore toe caused by pulling off the nail.

We had chicken soup for dinner. George Henry has been racing about deck with a boat one of the men made him, been forward to hear the singing etc. "petite good and he is well contented."

I have made two curtains for the cabin doors and hemmed a tablecloth.

July 8- William has fitted our room in style and taken in about one foot of the pantry so that two doors open into our room, turned our berth athwart ships and made a cot for George Henry, put up two shelves.

Pleasant weather light winds. They are singing Methodist hymns forward and it sounds lively enough. Salt meat and plum duff for dinner, fresh fish for supper, which tasted very good to me, though they are not called ver good generally. They were skipjacks.

Sunday, 11-Just after tea. William is reading "Uncle Tom".

The weather is pleasant , wind light. It has rained today and we caught a few buckets of water. Boiled eggs for breakfast, salt meat and plum duff for dinner, lemon pie (my make) for supper.

Yesterday I washed for the first time with one large bucket of water, one half of it hot, 32 pieces. William put a line from one end of the boat davit to the other and hung them up with pins. They looked beautifully drying.

About 5 o'clock saw a school of sperm whales, watched them for an hour and saw them spout many times. One of them passed very near the ship.

12- Fried dolphin for supper. Salt fish and mince pie for dinner. The weather is pleasant but too calm. Two sails in sight at a great distance.

13- We are sitting in the boat (on the crane) . The decks were painted this morning and it has been a very warm calm day. G. sits in the stern with a rope round him. He needs exercise after eating three cakes of bread and a large piece of mince pie.

14- Today washed 28 pieces with a bucket and a half of water. Bean porridge and mince pie for dinner.

15- There is a vessel in sight bound north. We have a fine breeze now. About 9 o'clock this evening as William was stepping off the rain he made a mis step and sprained his ankle badly. This morn I ironed on the potato chest on deck two weeks' clothes.

16- We have a good breeze now and there is a sail in sight. My head feels a little dizzy but I have been sewing. William's foot is rather better.

21- The sail proved to be an English man of war but it was blowing too strong to speak her. We have also passed a brig. William's foot is still better and he has been on deck today

for the second time.

As for George Henry he has been so well he has had to wait on us. He eats part of almost everything we have. He said a few days since that if we got out of victuals we could stop at some port and get some.

Though he often speaks of the boys and girls at home, he seems perfectly content.

22- Early this morning saw a sail off the bow in the afternoon came up and passed her. It was the ship Carthage bound south.

25- Yesterday was squally and we staid below nearly all day. William read, I sewed, knit. Today is pleasant.

26- We had a rare dish for breakfast this morning- potato chowder instead of onions was put hashed meat for dinner we had fresh meat soup.

27- Wind light, weather pleasant. There is a bark in sight, bound south.

29- It is now moderate, but yesterday and today it has been very rough. During the night two ships passed us bound south. T an English brig passed bound north but it was too rough to speak. had a severe tempest night before last.

30- Passed a large ship in the night steering northwest. There is an American ship off our beam steering south and the Carthage is off the weather beam.

31- Two vessels bound north passed too far off to speak. I have made some cake and a thin jacket for William.

August 1, Sunday- It is rough and the wind ahead. George Henry owns a palm and sail needles and can sew. Passed a large school of porpoises.

6- Passed the line last night and now we have a fair wind and

plenty of it. I made a cake ~~of~~ for all hands to have today. William has made a tub and cricket. George Henry a spit box. We are on deck the most of the day - 8th latt. 6.7 South Long. 30

Since we crossed the line it has been rough. Saw a vessel yesterday bound (we supposed) to Africa. One now in sight bound home. Roast herring for breakfast, beans and apple pudding for dinner, fried clams for supper.

Plenty of flying fish around. One flew in on deck and was fried for G. Henry.

9- A sail passed this morning a long distance off.

11- Washed, knit and written a letter to Isaac. One sail passed yesterday and one now in sight. Latt. 10.9 South Long. 34 W.

12- Latt. 11.14 S. Long 34 W. Yesterday we spoke the ship..... bound to France, put letters on board and got a few oranges and bananas. Weather moderate, wind fair and we are getting along slowly.

Sunday, 15- Yesterday we passed very near a vessel which we supposed was a slaver from Rio Janeiro. She did not show her colors. Fried ham and eggs for breakfast. George Henry has been sick.

17- Calm and we are getting along slowly.

20- Latt. 19 S. The last two days it has been very rough but it is now moderate. Such heavy gales are uncommon here.

Sunday 22- Wind fair but light. A school of porpoises just passed. Chicken soup for dinner. The weather grows cool and Tom has put on his English carpeting jacket.

26- It has been cold, rainy and but little wind. Today warm and pleasant with a light breeze. A school of finbacks passed very near us. Yesterday saw a school of porpoises. Struck one and lost it. Cape pigeons have followed us the last three days. They resemble our pigeons, are on the wing most of the time,

alighting only when they see something to eat.

Sunday, 29- Light winds again. We have read till we are tired. George and myself are going to eat some molasses candy that the cook made for us, then it will be tea time, then bed time, and tomorrow wash day.

Sunday, Sep. 5- Moderate weather. Since the last date we have had a severe gale. The first day it blew so hard that we could not keep a fire in the cabin and scarcely keep myself into my chair during the forenoon. After dinner George and myself went to bed and lay till 10 o'clock the next morning, but did not get on deck till the third day. Shipped several seas but met with no damage.

Sunday, 12- Last week made but little progress. One severe tempest that lasted two hours and a gale of wind, so that we were hove to two days and it was two days more before the ship stopped pitching, there was such a heavy head sea.

Now the wind is fair and we are going off nicely. I made clam soup for dinner.

16- Our good wind lasted only a day and a half and that was longer than we have had since we left home.

We have had a severe tempest that lasted three hours, the weather has been cold, almost calm, wind south. Penguins are round. We have got soundings and I saw the sand on the lead.

29- Fair winds but light. Spoke a clipper ship from New York a few evenings since, bound to California. This morn made Staten Land about 20 miles off and it looked to me like dark woods covered with snow. Four sails in sight bound round the Cape. Killers have been seen.

October 6- Our fair wind lasted but a few hours, when it came directly ahead and for eight days has blown hard. This morn made Staten Land at a greater distance than on the 27th. It has

been cold, with but little snow and ice, and also but little, very little sun. Now we are hoping for better weather, for we shall ^{not} be sorry to get round the Cape. The heavy seas we often ship wet the men from head to foot.

Sunday, Oct. 10. George Henry's birthday. Just spoke the English brig John Cobbald 130 days out. They have been beating about here for 38 days, short of water, with eight passengers. One lady with an infant was seen on deck.

We have had moderate weather lately with light head winds. A small land bird alighted on the rail, which was easily caught but soon died from exhaustion. A thick fog.

23- Lately we have had continual gales of head winds and have been hove to, part of the time. Weather cold with but little snow or ice. I have not washed since Sept. 16 and been on deck but twice in the time. We have made but little progress. A clipper passed last night and is still in sight bound round. Wind fair but light, weather warm and pleasant. Throught the rugged weather we were not seasick.

Poppy rum has been filled up twice, for something ~~six~~ ails someone or other all the time.

Oct. 21- About dusk the steward fell from the foretopsail yard into the water. Being a good swimmer he succeeded in getting hold of a rope and was soon got on board and made comfortable, but it was a narrow escape. Twenty years he has been ~~at~~ to sea but never fell before. He is very weak and complains of his head.

Nov. 2- ^{last} Since/writing it has blown a gale the most of the time and we have been hove to several times. It is now moderate. Sunday, Oct. 31 at 6 a.m. it increased and blew with greater violence till noon when it abated some. During the time we split all the storm sails, best maintop sail, fore topmast stay sail,

fore and main spencers, carried away the fore topmast stay, and much other damage such as bulwarks. The men said they had never experienced more severe gales. I took G. into my bed and we made ourselves comfortable till 3 o'clock when we got up. At 7 we went to bed again leaving a cabin full of frozen sails to be thawed and repaired.

The wind is more favorable now. We occasionally catch sight of a ship between squalls. Mr. Weeks, who has been 14 times round the Cape says he never experienced so much stormy weather at one time before.

Spoke a vessel from Boston, but it was blowing strong and we couldn't understand each other.

Antonio has been sick all the passage. Ryder has been laid up with rheumatism three months. James and George have each had a bad hand. Frank, the toothach, "ntone, pains in his stomach and the steward not yet recovered from his fall. We hope soon to be in warmer weather and no doubt we shall all feel better.

A large ship ~~xxxxx~~ came rather near us but we saw each other in season and sheered out without any ceremony.

13- Fine weather and fair wind. We have had but one fair wind that lasted only 12 hours in the last 11 days.

Nov. 23- Almost calm. We have fairly worked our passage since we made Staten ~~Lx~~ Land. The weather is warm, the sea not as rough, but we are anxious to get in, for in spite of every care that could be taken the scurvy is beginning to show itself.

From three to six of the crew have been off duty the last three months and tis not strange we have had so much damp, stormy weather.

Nov. 28- Sunday morning- We have had a fair wind for four days and early this morning made the land. The Martha made the run and was anchored in Talcahuana in 15 days. We are going to have chicken soup for dinner. George Henry's health has been good except ~

ing one day he has been perfectly well. He is now spying rocks, mountains, etc. with his glass.

Nov. 29- Beating up the bay of Talcahuana, quite a sight to see the land, the trees, etc.

At 3 p.m. came to anchor in about five minutes the Customs House officers and captain of the port came on board. They were soon gone then two strangers came on board. The Statera Capt. Coon and Young Hero Capt. Wyer are here also the Madonna, Capt. Russel from San Francisco. His son and Mr. Sanford have been on board.

Dec. 2- Capt. Russell, wife and son and Capt. Wyer spent one evening with us. They brought us a basket of large strawberries and told us lots of news. We had green peas for breakfast. We stop at Mr. Crosby's. They are from Ohio, have been six years in this country. There are but few Americans here. The ladies wear shawls, no bonnets, their hair hanging on their backs sometimes braided. They look pitifully to me.

In the market some of them cook and sit on the ground and eat. They go about the streets with a baby in their arms, like themselves half dressed, often barefooted.

There are no churches but Spanish and only one small English school. Their houses are low, the roofs covered with brick which looks like our leather put on in this manner. The mules often drive into the front door and through into the back yard. They have their rooms each side of the passage, doors open all day, floors of brick. Some of the people dress well and their houses are well furnished inside but present a gloomy appearance outside.

Mrs. Keane, a Spanish lady, plays on her piano beautifully. She has an American husband. We breakfast at 9 o'clock, dine

at 3 and have tea at 9 in the eve.

Dec. 4- We are getting ready to go on board. Have discharged six men and shipped others. This is a miserable place for sailors, there is so much drunkenness.

Yesterday Mrs. Russel, Mrs. Coon and child, Mrs. Bryant, George Henry and myself rode out to Concepcion. Mrs. Crosby and son, Miss Finch rode on horseback. Concepcion is about nine miles from Talcahuana. There are some very pretty houses, low but well furnished, roofed like those of T. with a passage between the rooms for the horses to drive in. We had a good dinner at the hotel, visited many large stores and the State Prison. In the latter place was an American from Philadelphia who left the Good Return of New Bedford. He had been in 15 months and was to stay 9 more. The chain gang in the streets looked pitiful enough. We also called on a Captain Johnson and wife (English) and ate cherries from their garden.

George Henry went with Mrs. Crosby's servant on horseback a few miles to see his mother. George thought they must be poor, for they had only a little low table and sat on the ground and had green peas, milk and bread to eat. The house was built of mud.

At Sea Dec 12- A very warm pleasant day. We left Talcahuana on the morning of the 6th, anchored at night in the bay, early the next morning got under way with a fine fair breeze which has continued ever since Latt 25 S.

The ships all report bad weather off Cape Horn. One ship was lost, the crew all saved and taken into Talcahuana.

Sunday 19th- Fine Bazz weather and fair wind. Latt 15 S.

Sunday 26th- Fair wind, we have had a fine run so far and are now in Latt. 4 S. There is a sail in sight at a great distance, probably a whaler. Yesterday was Christmas. We celebrated it by having beef soup for dinner and plenty of sugar gingerbread. The

men had a boiled ham and plum pudding and gingerbread.

Since we left port the ship has been in first rate order and now looks as neat as a pin outside and in.

Jan. 2, 1953- Latt. 6 N.. The weather is warm, wind not quite fair, we often have showers of rain. Yesterday the men caught a large porpoise which tasted good.

9- Washed twice and did some sewing last week. On the 6th celebrated my birthday by having mutton soup for dinner. Latt. 16 N.

16- The last week the wind has not been favorable, the weather is quite cool with frequent showers of rain. Seen one sail.

I have ironed white shirts very easily. Killed a lot of fleas but we have not seen a bed bug, rat or mouse since we left home. -Latt. 23 1/2 N.

Sunday, Jan. 29- Yesterday morning early as I was dreaming was awoke by the sound of "Land in sight!" At 10 o'clock last night we took a pilot, Capt. Neal.

At 5 o'clock this morning anchored and are now at 12 just under way. The weather is cold, damp and foggy.

30- 6 a.m. We have been at anchor since last night at 5 and are now getting under way. Many vessels are going out by us and many others are going in.

6 o'clock p.m. We are now at anchor in the lower harbor, three boats have been alongside. Many houses and farms are in sight and we can see people walking on Telegraph Hill. Many vessels are in sight.

31- At the wharf in San Francisco. Capt. Moreton, Capt. Folger, Albert Macy, Mr. Bowman, William C. Paddock and William Linsey have been on board.

Feb. 1- Capt. Pratt, Capt. William Arthur, Edward Orpin, ~~Emmx~~ Reuben Jenkins, Acpt. Derrick, Alexander Coffin, Charles Hussey, Christopher Casseri, Albert Bunker and many others have been

on board today.

2- Charles Hussey has taken G. out to walk about two miles to William L.'s ship. Mr. Bowman has been again and brought me a dozen oranges. Yesterday G. and myself went out to walk with Capt. and Mrs. Locke.

We saw many buildings, some very handsome and some ships built up for store ships on the spit where they floated but lately. We saw an immense quantity of goods of every description, many men but few women and children.

Alex Coffin, Oliver Easton, Charles Hussey, Paul B. Coffin and William L. spent the evening with us. The cargo is coming out very well.

4- Yesterday Capt. Oliver Coffin, Theo G. Barnard, Capt. Moreton, Alex Swain and William B. Swain visited us.

5- Thomas Sayer, Joseph Coleman and Thomas Herring have called to see us and Capt. Isaiah Folger.

7- Yesterday we hurried our breakfast and before we had time to dress two men called to see us. We had about 20 callers before dinner- Capt. Moreton, Capt. Arthur, Thos. Sayer and Franklin Folger dined with us. At 2 o'clock Ezra Wood came for us and we took tea with his family, George Coffin and wife, Thomas Meader and his wife. At 9 o'clock we were home and Mr. Week said there had been a great many Nantucket persons on board.

8- David Adlington and William L. spent the eve with us. Old George Starbuck who has staid from his home many years is here at home. He is often on board.

12- William had a sick day yesterday. He had a high fever and sore throat, sat up only five minutes for the day. Today he is better and was up one hour. Capt. Roland Coffin and George Adlington and others have been to see us.

14- William is better, sits up all day. William L.

The ship was sold at auction on Saturday, the 12th for \$6000. She is going immediately to Puget Sound for a load of timber. William P. Sayward owns seven eighths, 7/8 of her. We shall go and expect to be about three months.

15- Discharging coal and we shall soon be ready to leave. The weather is fine, we have a nice little stove for the cabin. Three of the old crew have shipped, Mr. Bradbury and Mr. Ayan.

17- Called on Mrs. Barzillai Ray and Mrs. Ezra Wood, also took George Henry to Dr. Baldwin, who gave me the following prescription for his cold to be given four times a day when his cough was bad.

One oz. syrup of ipecac, syrup of squills, balsam of Polu and paregoic, each doze half teaspoonful. He also vaccinated him (which did not take) charged only \$6.

Barzillai Ray and wife, William Smith and wife spent the evening with us.

22- I am ~~xx~~ waiting for Mrs. Russel (Thomas) to go out to see the procession. William L. is going to Grass Valley. 4 o'clock we have seen the soldiers, firemen, etc., a great parade.

24- This morning hauled outside of a ship.

25- We are now out in the stream. Mr. Boyd of Maine is going mate. We have 12 seamen and a cook and steward. The latter is an Indian belonging on Long Island, is a widower and has three children in Baltimore.

I weigh 95 pounds. George Henry, 49.

The three last steamers from Panama had from 50 to 80 deaths each on board.

March 3- Four days we have been waiting for a wind, but early this morning got under way and are now out of sight of land.

10- The weather has been cool, the wind not fair, the sun

seldom shines in these diggings but our cabin is warm. We have plenty of rats on board.

Sunday, 13- The sun is shining, the wind is not fair. Lat. 41.56 N.

20- The sun is shining bright/during the last week/ it has been windy and rainy.

21- This morning we made the land and as I have done washing am going to boil candy.

23- Owing to a strong southerly current, we fell to leeward of the entry and were obliged to stand off again. We have now just made the land again.

Weather quite cool. This morning had a ~~max~~ squall of snow and rain which covered the deck to a depth of two inches.

We often see finbacks spouting and sometimes a log of wood and a limb of a tree.

25- At the entrance of Fuca Strait the wind is blowing most a gale; it is near night and all hands are on deck shortening sail.

31- Evening. About two hours ago we again entered the straits, for on the 25th the gale increased so that it drove us out to sea a long distance and since then we have had continued gales of head winds a part of the time we have been hove to.

April 1- Rainy, wind light. We have sailed but a short distance today.

The Straits are about 12 miles wide at the entrance. We can see the trees on each side. The tops of the mountains are covered with snow. One vessel has been astern all day. They left San Francisco one week ago today. The winds that drove us out to sea were fair for him.

2- Last night after 10 o'clock we had a gale of wind and came

very near getting ashore on Bonilla Island. It was very dark and the first we perceived breakers were near and lights were seen on shore. William was up at 11. At 1 he called me. I soon dressed without taking off my night dress, put on my cloak and hood, then sat down and waited till the danger was passed and one watch had gone below. At 7 3 I went to bed and slept till 7. Daylight was a welcome visitor to us this morning.

We are now safely anchored off the settlement Dungeness, about three miles from the shore. Three white men have been on board who wish to supply us with timber. They say about 25 men live here and get out cargoes for ships. A canoe of Indians have been alongside.

Sunday, 3- Four men have been on board today. They bought of us 2 barrels of $\frac{1}{2}$ flour at \$25 per barrel. We picked up two pieces of timber 30 feet long, 14 by 16 inches wide.

Bought from the Indians six fish, a duck and some potatoes. Onions are 25 cents per pound. We are now under way for New York, Indian name, Alki.

4- Arrived at New York this morning at 8 o'clock. Mr. Terry, a man for whom we brought goods, has been on board. He keeps store and with a company gets out cargoes for ships.

Many Indians are on deck. G. is delighted to see and hear them talk.

We are anchored about three shiplengths from the shore in 17 fathoms water.

5- A beautiful day. My clothes are drying. Yesterday a brig came in and anchored near us. The capt. two passengers, Mr. Terry and Mr. Low spent the evening with us.

About a dozen men live here and one family, Mr. Low, wife and five children.

7- Early yesterday morning George Henry and myself went ashore. G. enjoyed himself well, racing about over the prairie under the trees and down to the shore with Alonzo and John Low.

I walked a great distance with the two little girls, Mary and Minerva. I picked several wild flowers and saw some Indian graves no far from the shore, some with a board fence around them, others in this form with their basket tin plate or cup laid upon the grave or hung over it. Over one child's grave was hung the little tin cup he used to play with.

Mr. Low's is a log house with one door and one paper window a foot square, only one room. There are several wigwams and two grog shops here kept by white men.

There is an abundance of codfish, flatfish, salmon and quahogs here which the Indians exchange for shirts, bread, fish hooks, etc.

Evening. We left New York this morning and are now anchored in Port Orchard, tied to a tree and ready to commence loading in the morning. The place reminds me of the Kennebec River. The trees close by and the water deep. Sunday, April 10- This morning William G. and myself went ashore, wandered in the woods and got a few flowers and along shore and picked up a few shells and dug some clams. There are plenty here. We also saw a bald eagle.

12- Our owner, Mr. Sayward, has just come on board. He has been traveling over the country to find the best place for his sawmill. He says that he has traveled over hundreds of acres of prairie land, that he presumes no white man has

ever traveled before.

Saturday, 16- Mr. S. has just left us to go to Port Ludlow. During his stay he has been gunning and cutting piles.

18- Yesterday we went about three miles where three men and some Indians are encamped getting out timber for us. We had a fine sail, in the afternoon we went on shore near by where three men had a log house and were getting timber. They burned pine knots for lights and their seats were made of the trunks of trees. They are Temperance men.

20- Early yesterday morning William, George Henry and myself with five Indians went in the boat to New York (Alki) about nine miles, got some potatoes and got back in time to have some wild duck for dinner. Today we are to have wild pigeon, tomorrow fresh salmon. We have six Indians at work assisting load the ship.

Sunday, 24- Today we started to have a sail, but a squall of rain came on so we landed and took shelter under the trees till it passed, then returned on board the ship and dined on fish chowder, plum pudding.

27- Yesterday while we were at dinner the ship dragged her anchor and went ashore. The hawser tore away part of the stern and it was 8 o'clock before we were again anchored. More than half the time the men worked in a pouring rain.

The tide here runs very strong.

The mate, Mr. Boyd, has been sick ever since we arrived and the 2nd mate, Mr. Ryan, unstead, so that William has had extra care.

May 3- We have finished loading and are now under way, having taken 15,509 feet of piles, 6372 feet of square timber and about 80 cords of wood.

During our stay here we have had about 30 men callers and man Indians. Sometimes the latter slept on the cabin floor.

6- Today noon, we are anchored in Appletree Cove, went on shore and saw several men at work in a sawmill, one log house and several wigwams.

In one we saw an infant undergoing the process of having its head flattened. It was bandaged to a board, its hands and feet fastened down, the back of the head and forehead pressed between two boards, the eyes closed, the face very much swollen and its little heart beat violently, its breathing was difficult and I should have thought it was dying if it were not that they all share the same fate when infants.

We anchored ~~at 2:15 PM~~ last eve
Sunday, May 8- ~~11/9/11/11/11/11/11~~ near Port Ludlow.

at 9 o'clock we were surprised by being hailed from a boat and Mr. Sayward came on board and stayed till near midnight. Early this morning we went on shore, walked about two hours through the woods till we came to a stream that falls 40 feet, where Mr. Sayward intends running a sawmill. The bark on some of the trees is nearly a foot thick.

We took breakfast and dinner on board the Merchantman, Capt. Boyling, now loading ~~at~~ in Port Ludlow harbor, and at 4 o'clock came on board, let Mr. Fletcher go in the brig with Capt. Boyling and we are now under way.

14- We have just entered the wide ocean where there is "plenty of sea room," a phrase I never realized the meaning of before.

Since leaving Port Orchard we have anchored six times and tacked about 60 times, for we have had a head tide half the time and a head wind all the time.

We have three Indians on board, going to San Francisco.

28- We arrived on the 23rd. Mr. Sherman was on board and told us that William L. was well and doing well.

The cargo is sold at 35 cents per foot and we shall soon discharge and go back again.

I have been shopping two days, bought a dress and bonnett. Spent the day yesterday on board the storeship Pantheon with "Messrs. George and Reuben M. Coffin and their wives

June 7- Our timber is out and the wood nearly. Don't complain of Nantucket sand, for the dust here from 10 o'clock till 6 is very disagreeable. Today I called at Mrs. Susan Woods, Mary A. Smith and Ann A. Coleman's and was glad enough to get home. Oranges are a bit apiece, andy a bit a stick.

Last Sunday Messrs Isaac Gardner, Andrew Gardner, Franklin Folger, A. Bowman, Daniel Macy, Edward and Charles Moreton and Charles S. Hussey were on board.

William is so busy that he only waits on me half way up the wharf except once in the evening to Capt. Moreton's room.

13- Today we have hauled off a long distance and are getting ready to start paint.

Yesterday we went to the Bethel Church. Mr. Taylor preached to a large congregation. As we passed along we saw many stores, eating houses and liquor shops open and crowds of people around them. One man was picked up drowned, which is a common occurrence here.

Liquor causes an immense amount of suffering here. Mr. Canning is our mate now.

14- We are taking in freight. G. stands by to go every time the boat passes for he is delighted to be in a boat. The

weather is beautiful. Steamboats and vessels of all sizes are constantly passing us, generally crowded with people.

15- Mr. Sayward has gone to Sacramento. Mr. George D. Coffin is going mate this time.

16- Yesterday I went on shore for my letters in the office, bought a pair of leather shoes for myself for \$2.50 for myself and a pair of rubbers for \$1.50.

Dry goods and groceries are high at private sale, but at auction can be bought by the quantity very cheap. The weather is good. We hope to go to sea in the morning. Alarms of fire are very frequent.

July 2- Two weeks ago this morning we left San Francisco. The first week it was rough. This morning early we entered the Straits and are now with studding sails set, steering directly for Dungeness. The sun shines brightly and I wish you could enjoy this delightful sail with us.

The three Indians seem to be overjoyed to be so near their homes and no doubt they will have much news to tell. One of them has collected about two cartloads of old clothes, as presents, I suppose.

July 4- I have been washing and have been on shore to see the Indians. They get clams the size of your hand which they roast, then smoke for their winter provision.

We anchored at Dungeness on the 2nd, got under way the next morning and at 4 o'clock arrived at Port Ludlow. Here are about a dozen white men. The Indians have brought us ripe gooseberries, currants and raspberries.

6- Early ~~xxxx~~ yesterday morning William, George Henry, three Indians (Daniel Webster, Bill Smith and John) and myself

started in a boat for Port Townsend, a distance of 15 miles. They pulled all the way going, the last hour against the tide, and it was so rough that I was seasick.

We arrived there at noon, saw several families and many Indians. One nice log house being built for Captain Webster and many trees, flowers, etc. At 2 went on board the ship Mary Adams (then loading with spars for China), had venison, clam soup, green peas, pies etc. for dinner. Capt. and Mrs. Webster, Capt. Sawyer (who was afterward drowned) dined on board. Mr. Hastings and familie, Capt. Canes and family, Mr. Briggs and family, Mr. Plumer, Mr. Hammond and family, Capt. Cozens and "Richard my son" lived on shore.

At 4 o'clock started to go back and had a beautiful sail, fine weather, fair wind and tide. The Indians used their oars only about half an hour. At 8 o'clock we arrived home, stopped at the big rock and got two birds' eggs. An immense number of birds were flying near the rocks.

10- Yesterday we moved on deck, made a tent with the sails. Our beds are on deck, the companionway we use for a table. We have been smoking for rats and found several. This afternoon we went ashore as high up the stream as we could on account of the tide and picked some raspberries.

12- Tuesday. It commenced raining this morning and we had to move down quick for it leaked through into our beds.

15- The brig Merchantman, Capt. Boyling, has just arrived and brought Mr. Fuller, Mrs. Thorndike and two children. We spent the day with them.

Sunday, 17- Today we have been to the duck pond and to get ripe gooseberries. There are plenty of single roses. It is

delightful to sail around in this harbor though it looks small on the map it takes many hours to sail cross it with a fair wind.

22- This morning I have put in two pans of bread, made one of plum cake and a pudding and some buckwheat for tea. George Henry shelled the green peas. Now I must ^{on} sew/George's new pants.

25- Yesterday after breakfast three men came on board and stayed all night, sleeping on the cabin floor on their blankets. The night previous they slept in the woods under their canoes.

Travelers passing up and down Sound often draw their canoe on shore and sleep under the trees with their blankets for a covering.

Sunday, 31- We finished loading on Friday, having taken 18,000 feet of piles and timber and 65 cords of wood. The longest stick is 94 feet and the largest measures 19 inches across the butt.

We left Port Ludlow yesterday morning. While there had as many clams and berries as we wanted. We often wandered in the woods. One day measured a tree which was 40 feet around.

Anchored in Port Townsend late last evening and this afternoon got under way for Dungeness.

Three Indians are going with us. We got from the Indians nearly a bucketfull of blackberries. I weigh 102 pounds, G. 50.

Mr. Sayward is building a sawmill near his house.

Aug. 4- We only hove to at Dungeness and got 60 salmon, but we are now out on the wide ocean with a fine fair wind.

11- We took a pilot this morning. On the 9th it was rough but the rest of the passage has been very pleasant. Evening William has been on shore and returned with Henry Swain and one letter from home.

Sunday, 14- We are alongside the wharf and shall commence discharging tomorrow. The cargo has sold well.

Sép . 15- We left San Francisco the last day of August and have just made the land at a great distance. Two vessels are in sight that sailed 11 days ahead of us. We have had a very pleasant passage, no storms and for a few days it was rough and we were seasick a little. We have a fine black pig on board, a few rats and plenty of fleas.

21- We have just anchored at Dungeness, having been becalmed the last six days in the straight. The weather has been so very pleasant that I have taken my sewing on deck.

22- We left D. early this morning and have crept slowly along to Port Townsend and just anchored. We are to load at Port Discovery. The boat will go early in the morning for Mr. Sayward. There are nine families here.

24-th Yesterday we went on shore, walked a mile to a log house owned and occupied by a Mr. Hammond, wife and two children. Horse, pigs, hens and we took tea and came back in a canoe. We had scarcely got on board when our boat came alongside with Mr. Sayward and Mrs. Thorndike and now it is a hard rainstorm. They have gone ashore ^{to} Capt. Webster's.

25- We are getting under way for Port Discovery and ^{soon} expect to be there.

Sunday, Oct. 2- We have been sailing around this harbor which is almost equal to Port Ludlow. The woods surround us so that we can't see out and we are anchored about two ship's lengths from shore. A few white men live near in log houses, getting out timber. The Indians have been having a jubilee and have brought us but few fish. They brought me two baskets of huckleberries. There are salmon, codfish, oysters, ducks, geese etc. in abundance.

We often go on shore. George Henry cuts piles to sell. A Mr. William Webster lives here.

3- Just before dark the surveying steamer Active ~~and~~ came in and anchored near us. The Indians call it a fire ship.

8- Our neighbors were off at daylight this morn without even speaking us. Their object was to get the Indian chiefs and make them deliver up an Indian who had recently killed a white man.

But if the white man did not give Indians whiskey there would be less white men killed. Our second mate, Mr. Fletcher, got hurt this afternoon by a block striking his face. I had a present of a cabbage weighing 10 pounds and the largest turnips I ever saw.

11- A hard rainstorm. William is writing to Mr. Sayward, G. Whittling.

15- Six weeks today since we left San Francisco and we are under way for the same place, having taken 15,700 feet of piles, 2200 feet of square timber and 27 cords of wood. We have orders if we come again for a piano, English carpeting, crockery, ox bows, etc.

We have two cabin passengers, Capt. Spaulding and Frank Bartlett, and an Indian steward, Sam. Our Queen Victoria steward stayed at Olympia but a short time, then returned and cooked for Mr. Sayward a while, but has gone away. We have plenty of cranberries.

Monday eve. 25- We are so near land that William is on deck ~~was~~ watching. This morning about 5 o'clock we felt the shock of an earthquake. It woke me out of a sound sleep. At first I thought the ship was ashore and they were letting go the anchor, then of casks rolling overhead, though I knew they were all lashed. One man jumped from his berth but by the time he was out it was all over and ^{as} he didn't know what brought him out he went to bed again. Those on deck say it lasted a minute and shook the ship from stem to stern.

We had the pig killed (by Capt. Spaulding) day before yesterday and had stewed apple, onions and stuffing with it.

27- We arrived yesterday and found several letters from home.

29- Saturday afternoon. We are in very near the wharf and shall ~~dischargez~~ commence discharging Monday. The weather is delightful and very warm. George Henry is sculling round in a boat with Charley Watson. Four large steamboats have just gone out and one came in, all crowded with passengers.

Monday, Oct. 31- Yesterday William, George Henry and myself ^{went} to the Bethel Church. Mr. Taylor. Coming home we met our mate Mr. Canning. Mr. Bosdick and three Mr. Bunkers spent the evening with us. The steamer has just arrived with about 1,000 passengers and another 1000 have gone to meet them on the wharf. Nov. 9- George Henry and myself had a delightful ride with Capt. William Neal to the mission, saw the ancient Catholic church and several Spanish houses, then ~~thx~~ to his house (a very nice two-story one finished and furnished beautifully). His wife was very sociable and polite and nearly dark we returned to the ship.

The next day we spent on board the Madonna, Capt. Russel, the next made Mrs. George and Mrs. Reuben Coffin a visit. Friday washed, Saturday ironed, Sunday Franklin Folger, Levi Hathaway, William and Henry Swain called.

Monday Mrs. Russel and myself went shopping, then in our boat aboard the Montana and saw Mrs. Watson and children, then to see Mrs. Isaac Swain. Tuesday called on Mrs. Susan Wood and Mrs. Sarah ~~Bunkers~~ Bunker.

William L. can tell you about my climbing in and out of the ship, walk up the wharf, full of bad places, through crowds of men, horses, dogs.

Monday, 14- A hard rainstorm. William B. William L. and Roland

Bunker have just gone on shore. We are gettin under way for the outer harbor.

Tuesday 12- Our little cabin is full of goods. I have been on shore and am tired. We are to sail tomorrow.

Jan. 4, 1854- The letter between Nov. 5 and Jan. 4 was lost. We arrived safely at Port Ludlow, having a short and pleasant passage. The days are short, many of them stormy and our cargo comes in rather slowly.

8- It has been a stormy Sunday. Mrs. Thorndike and her children have been here.

11- I have just got my clothes on the line. Daniel Webster has cleaned the floor (klosh). good.

The brig Merchantman has just arrived and there is quite a stir in our city.

12- William and George Henry have been on board and got late papers, a sack of Cape Horn nuts and some cabbages, big as my head.

14- Just five weeks today since we arrived and we are now under way with a head wind. We have 9,227 feet of piles, 5095 feet of square timber and 70,000 feet of sawed lumber and three passengers, Mr. Sowle and his son, Mr. and Mr. Brun, steward. The weather is quite cold, some ice, but little snow. We can see Mt. St. Helens which is $2\frac{2}{5}$ miles high, Mt. Hood, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles and Mt. Rainier.

15- Last night we anchored, for the wind and tide were against us. Early this morning got under way, but shall soon anchor again in Port Townsend. While at anchor near Brun's place we heard the roaring of the wolves.

18- We have just passed out of the Straits and with a fair wind are making the best of our way toward San Francisco.

We went ashore at Mrs. Hammond's at Port Townsend. She gave me two cocoanuts and three eggs. With the eggs I made some plum

cake, which was very good.

Sunday, 22- Fair wind and not quite as cold as we have had the weather. The pig was killed yesterday.

28- Arrived this morning in the outer harbor. Received letters from home and heard of the loss of the Antarctic. How unfortunate John has been.

29- Sunday evening- Went to church this morning, took tea with Susan Wood. Capt. Henry Coleman paid us a short visit.

Feb. 3- Yesterday we called to see Mrs. Seth Macy and Mrs. William Arthur. Mr. Canning, the mate, left today.

5- Capt. Nathan Chase and son, and Benj. Wood arrived here today. I took my ironing and went on board the ship Pantheon.

9- Mrs. Arthur, Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Swain called to see us in a boat and took me and called on Mrs. Isaac Swain.

17- Yesterday William, George Henry and myself rode out to the mission. We are now in the outer harbor and shall probably go to sea tomorrow morning. We have spent an evening on board the Montano and had clam chowder. Mr. Charles Arthur is going our mate.

We just heard that Mr. Sayward's mill at Port Ludlow was blown up and one man (the engineer) was killed, several hurt.

28- We left San Francisco on the 19th, entered the Straits on the 26th and should have anchored at Port Townsend last evening if we could have had another hour of fair tide and daylight. We have had a fine passage but little rain and not very cold. The sun is shining brightly, the tops of the mountains are covered with snow.

March 3- Friday afternoon. We stopped at Port Townsend two days. Three ladies, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Plummer and Miss Reed were on board once/. We went on shore, but it blew so hard that we stayed all night at Mr. Hastings. We had pork steak, fried eggs, new butter and milk, three kinds of cake, bread, etc. We have left George Henry

there. They have four children. Frank and Oregon are near his age and the neighbor, Mr. Pettigrove, has two boys. Miss Reed keeps school near by. One of Mr. Hastings' boys sent George Henry a quart of milk and a dozen eggs when we first arrived.

We have just arrived at Port Ludlow and I will add we have one of the best cooks out- a colored man. He always has something good. Turnip soup, ham broth, baked fish pie, potato pie, etc.

Sunday afternoon, March 19- We finished loading yesterday, got under way this morning and are just entering Port Townsend. During our stay in Port Ludlow I went on shore but once, for there was no one to see but Indians and 'tis not time for berries.

26- We now have a head wind. George Henry has had much news to tell since he came on board.

31- We shall probably get in tomorrow.

April 4- We were disappointed for we did not anchor till late Saturday evening and had the pleasure of seeing two steamers pass bound home without our letters. Sunday William went on shore. G. and myself on board the Pantheon. Monday Mr. Sherman called to see us. We are going to live at Capt. Russel's house, rent only \$40 per month. George Bunker's familie lives next door. Zephiah Wood next below. The house contains three rooms and two chambers. We are having delightful weather though rather windy afternoons.

14- We are keeping house, have bought 17 yards of carpeting for \$21, half dozen chairs for \$18, stove for \$14, barrel of flour for \$11. Groceries are higher than they were two months ago. George Henry goes to school to Mr. Holmes. The steamer has just arrived and Capt. Gardner and William L. have just (10 p.m.) come in and will stop a few days.

24- William sailed for Puget Sound on the 19th. William L. left here on the 20th for Yankee Jim's. Henry is asleep. The rain is

pouring down and I am tired and sleepy.

25- This morning I went down street and had to pass through the next yard, go under the house, then wave a man to help me down the clay steps made slippery by last night's rain....

30-It was a hard storm Friday and the festival was postponed till last evening at 6 o'clock. G. and myself went to the Musical Hall, a very large building, which was well filled with persons of all ages from 3 months to 70 years. The hall was dressed beautifully with flowers, evergreens, flags, banners, etc. In the center was a May pole ... around which the children (of the public schools) danced after they had crowned Miss Redmond queen.

Several children spoke pieces on the stage then the children went below and partook of refreshments. There was much very rich dress on children as well as older persons. It held till 12 o'clock.

Capt. Thomas Russell, Franklin Folger, Roland Bunker and Andrew Swain have been here today. We have just heard of the loss of the Walter Claxton, a new ship, and 13 of her company. Cap. Joseph Folger, Samuel Perry, Frederic Myrick and a colored man were from Nantucket.

The men have been blasting clay in front of our house and 'tis dug now 30 feet deep in some places.

May 7- I have been to Sabbath school with George Henry.

10- We had ~~zkw~~ fish thowder for tea send from Mrs. Sarah Bunker.

14- The weather is delightful and plenty of flowers are in bloom.

20- We moved on Powel St. to Mr. Inwood's where we are much better accomodated and pay \$25 per month instead of \$40.

Where we moved from the house stood on stilts. The things had to be lowered out of the front door. Everthing landed in safety but the stove, which we sold for \$10 and bought Mrs. Arthur's for \$18.

28- Last Wednedday morn. G. went on an excursion to Alameda in the steamer Sophie under their teacher's care and all safely returned at 6 o'clock. They had tables spread in the woods, with cake, oranges, candy, nuts, popcorn, lemonade.

29- I have just received a letter by Mr. Sayward from Wm. dated the 15th stating that they were in hopes to be ready to leave on the 20th.

31- William arrived yesterday having had only a four-days passage from Cape Flattery. They have had a pleasant voyage. Piles are very low, only 20 cents, still they make a saving voyage. I paid \$16 for having two cavities filled in one tooth and \$5 to have one tooth set in a plate. We had a large fire last night, Westgate & Pease. David R. Coleman and David Adlington were the only Nantucket sufferers.

22- We have had company the last three days, Mrs. Hammond and baby from Port Townsend. Capt. Arthur has sailed in the Sarah Parker for Puget Sound and William will remain at home for the present. Capt. Webster paid Wm. \$100 on his note.

July 6- We have delightful weather except the high winds from 10 to 3. Vegetables are very cheap. Oranges also, some at \$1 a hundred on board of vessels, extra large ones 16 for \$1. Apples are \$1 apiece.

July 4 was very warm. William and George Henry went down to see the procession... We had fireworks in the evening....

11- We had a small fire Sunday, loss estimated between

\$7000 and \$8000, and a large one this morning, loss about \$200,000. Capt. Isaiah Folger was the only Nantucket sufferer. He lost his shop containing all his materials for soap making, his bed, trunk of clothing and hurt his hand....

17- The sides of our rooms here are cloth covered with paper, and overhead with unbleached cotton.

30- George Henry went to the circus last week with the school children under the teacher's care. There were about 2500.

Aug. 11, 1854- Little Arthur was born Friday, Aug. 4, weighs 9 pounds, is fat and well, has light hair and dark blue eyes. We have taken care of him ourselves for all the help we have had is an Irish girl, Ann Sands, who has \$60 per month, a very nice girl. Mr. Winn has again failed, owing Henry over \$70....

13- Grapes sell here at two bits a bunch, potatoes 2 cents per lb., mutton and pork 25 cts. Beef 18, flour \$11.50.

Sep. 15- The Sarah Parker has gone to Benicia to unload.

29- Cap. Isaac Gardner has just left us. He intends to start for home soon. Fish has been 25 ¢ per pound.

Oct. 22- They have commenced taking in freight for New York and we shall probably be ready to leave here in a month or six weeks for home, where we hope to be by May 1. The ship has been on the dock and had her bottom repaired and been examined by the underwriters' agents and by them said to be as capable of carrying a cargo as any of the new clipper ships.

31- Delightful weather. I am just going to commence washing.

Nov. 12- William Mistgate has just gone from.

30- This afternoon we came down on board the ship and it begins to seem quite like home. Though rejoiced at the idea of coming home, I feel sad at parting with the families in the house with whom we have lived so pleasantly...

Wednesday, Dec. 6- Andrew Swain is tending the baby while I add that we are to get under way immediately.

4 p.m. Left the wharf in tow of Steamer Resolute at 5, anchored off Clark's Point and lay all night.

Dec. 7 at 1 p.m. Got under way with a light easterly breeze which soon died away, anchored again in 15 fathoms water, at 3 p.m. got under way again with the wind north. At 4 p.m. the tug took us in tow off Fort Head and parted just clear of South Head, at 4:30 we all sail and headed from s.s.w. to s.w.

Jan 13, Lat. 18 S. Long 129.25 W. Had a severe tempest the latter part of the day. Winds as usual strong from e. to e.s.e.

17- Saw Pitcairns Island, run in but found it too rugged to land, lay off and on in company with ship William Wirt of N.B., Capt. Ashley.

18- A boat came off from shore and brought us wood, potatoes, fowls and fruit, oranges, cocoanuts, bananas, etc. At sunset made sail and steered south. Last evening Capt. Ashley and John Adams (from the island) spent the evening with us. They informed us that the bark America having on board the Meiggs families touched there Dec. 15, 20 days from Tahiti, bound for the coast. They reported themselves to be on a Pleasure Party seeking a home and knew not where they should land. Several of the islanders visited us today. The weather during the last three weeks has been extremely warm. Thermometer from 80 to 84 in the cabin.

24- Caught a skipjack.

25- All hands had roast pig.

Jan. 4, 1855- Crossed the line in Long. 124.44

5- Arthur sunburnt his face on deck.

30- Lat 40.30 S. Long 114 W. the weather has been cool the last week, fire in the cabin today.

Feb. 14- Passed Cape Horn with the wind n.e. Lat 57.58.

16- Lat 57.23 S/ Long 64 W. During the last week we have passed 11 vessels bound north.

23- Last evening we had a very severe tempest which lasted three hours. The lightning was very sharp and continued during the night.

Mar. 2- Lat 39.50 Long 37.30 Weather very pleasant wind west.

24- Passed Cape St. Augustine.

April 12- A water spout was seen about four miles off the weather beam.

30- Lat. 39.05 N. Long 73.52 W. Sounded in 40 fathoms and found brown sand and shells.

May 1- Calm at 1 p.m. came very near being run into by ship Wellington from New York, it being a thick fog at the time.

2- A number of vessels in sight, sounded and got 16 fathoms at 5:30, took a pilot, Barnegat lighthouse bearing N. by W. distance 15 miles.

4- At 5 a.m. took a towboat and towed up to the wharf, so ends this passage of 148 days.

Thursday, May 10- George Henry, Arthur and myself arrived at Nantucket.